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Aqueduct to hold open house on options for disposal of water treatment residuals

Baltimore – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Aqueduct will hold an information meeting on Tuesday, September 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Dalecarlia Water Treatment Plant, 5900 MacArthur Boulevard, NW, Washington, D.C. Tuesday's meeting is a continuation of the public involvement process in the Aqueduct's project to devise an alternative to the current method of returning water treatment residuals to the Potomac River. Devising a new method is required under the provisions of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit issued by Environmental Protection Agency.

The open house format of the meeting will offer opportunities for the public to have individual discussions with Aqueduct staff and consultants, view a series of displays about the process and learn more about the alternatives being studied. The public is encouraged to attend, review the progress that has been made and offer their comments. The comments will be recorded, entered into the project's administrative record and considered as part of the Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, process.

Because this event is being held on the grounds of the water treatment plant, which has restricted access, a valid driver's license or some other form of photo identification will be required for admittance.

The Draft EIS will be available to the public later this fall. Currently, the Aqueduct is still gathering and analyzing data in order to identify a preferred alternative. No decision has been made at this time, and all of the alternatives are presently undergoing an equal level of evaluation.

Media representatives who plan to attend should call 410-962-2809, Army Corps of Engineers Public Affairs.

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